

*Weekend of November 16 & 17, 2019*  
*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass Schedule
<p><b><u>Barona:</u></b>  <b>Mass:</b> Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.  <b>Weekends:</b> Saturday, 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM.  <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 PM  <b>Adoration:</b> 1st Thurs. of the month (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).  <b><u>Viejas:</u></b>  <b>Weekends:</b> Sunday, 10:00 AM.  <b>Confessions:</b> By appointment.  <b><u>Sycuan:</u></b>  <b>Weekends:</b> Sunday, Noon.  <b>Confessions:</b> By appointment</p>



Gilbert Rodriguez, Carol Lane, Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Anthony Harut Haurutuynian, Gina Lloyd, Bobby Curo

*Please check prayer list and add names as desired.*

**Mass Intentions – November 17, 2019**

Weekend masses:

Sunday, 8:00 Barona – Mel and Buddy Curo  
 Sunday, 10:00 Viejas – Community of Viejas  
 Sunday, 12:00 Sycuan – Community of Sycuan

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**Barona – Thursdays, 2:45 p.m & 4:00 p.m.**

**Viejas – Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.**

**Sycuan – Every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, November 20 – Brother Ed Study – *Fall Holiday and Holy Days Celebrations and Their Meanings*, 4:00 PM, Barona, Brother’s Ed’s office**

**Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day, Barona 8:00 AM mass**

**Sunday, December 1- Tuesday, December 3 -- Advent Retreat with Dominican Sister, Jeanne Harris, OP – Barona, 6:30 PM**

**Saturday, December 7 -- Viejas, 4:00 PM – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Viejas Mission Church. All are invited to celebrate this great event.**

**Sunday, December 8– Sycuan Feast Day and Memorial Feast of Immaculate Conception– All reservations invited, followed by reception, Mass –12:00 – Sycuan**

**Sunday, December 15 – Children’s Mass, All reservations.**

**Collection for National Needs**

***November 23-24, 2019***

This collection supports the Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Communication Campaign, Catholic Home Missions and the Catholic University of America. Envelopes will be in the pews and in the back of the church. Your generosity is appreciated.

**Patient endurance will see you  
through to the end. God will give you  
the wisdom and the words to speak.  
Don't let anything hold you back from  
a wholehearted "yes."**

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## **Getting Prepared Always in our Lives**

### **A reflection on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Some buildings are so beautiful, so mighty looking that they seem to be a monument to the future. The Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Sears Tower in Chicago, the World Trade Center Towers in New York. It has already been 19 years and 9/11 seem to be still fresh in our minds. Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, we have learned graphically that even those things that are mighty and enduring will not last. Whether it is through the evil choices of others or through the passage of time, things and possessions will not last.

When we experience the passage of the symbols of might, we naturally look for answers. "Is this a sign of the end of the world? Is it true that evil is getting the upper hand in our world? How are we, as disciples of Jesus, to respond to the loss of the signs of our security and lasting power?"

In the midst of many questions, we are tempted to look for signs and answers. When the people of Jesus' time sought some reassurance from him about their future, he gave them one simple

response. Live faithfully now and you will be prepared for whatever the future brings!

Faithfulness necessitates that we are persevering. To do anything faithfully we must be willing to stick with it through the good and the bad, the easy and the difficult. Living daily life in a faithful way means that we choose to embrace whatever comes our way. We live in each moment without backing away. It is that faithfulness that will prepare us for the coming events of our lives.

When we ask for a timetable for the future, when we ask for signs of what is to come, we perpetuate a myth about life. If I only knew what was coming I could handle it. It is that kind of anxious concern for the future that keeps us from preparing for the future by living the present. Many believe that if they knew the time and the day of future occurrences, they would be able to make themselves strong for the time. All that attitude produces in us is that we become a people who spend their lives looking over their shoulders, afraid of what is to come.

Jesus is clear and consistent about the future. He says that it will include the good and the bad. We will have suffering and gladness. We will feel extremely full and blessed as well as empty and abandoned. We will be blessed one-hundred fold and have persecution besides. Jesus is very clear that we will not be able to predict any more than that. Fear is useless. All we need is faith.

In the midst of a seemingly more insecure world since September 11<sup>th</sup>, this gospel message calls us to live the present moment in faithfulness and love. This is the training and preparation for the future. Only if we live now will we be ready for whatever the future brings. We cannot put our trust in tall and beautiful buildings, in wealth and power, in missile shields or bombs. Our perseverance in faith, to God and one another, is what will be our saving grace.

Notice your family, your fellow workers, your church community, your neighbors. Are you practicing with them the way you wish to live for all eternity? Are you living today rather than waiting for the "right time" in the future to forgive,

or share, or initiate, or understand? Why are we waiting? Do we really think that God only cares about what we do in the last moments of our lives? In scary and difficult times, are you a person who stays or flees? When relationships get difficult, are you the kind of person who is a clear sign of the presence of Jesus, or are you a “fair weather” disciple?

These truly are trying times. What is being tried is not God’s dream and God’s power. We are assured that it will come to pass. What is being tried is our willingness to be who we profess to be. Can we be a sign of hope in these times? Can we hope, not in the signs of power and force, but in the signs of faithfulness and love?

Perseverance with hope is what secures our future, not anxious living.